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Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The functions of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which are set out in paragraph 3 of document ST/SGB/126 of 1 August 1963 and in its addenda, are:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets of the Institute;

(c) To submit regularly to the Commission for Social Development a progress report on the work of the Institute.

2. The present composition of the Board is:

(a) A Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary-General;

(b) Ten members nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council;

(c) A representative of the Secretary-General;

(d) Representatives of selected United Nations specialized agencies, departments and regional entities who participate as observers;

(e) The Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, ex officio.

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3. The term of office of each of the 10 members of the Board referred to in subparagraph 2 (b) above is four years, renewable once for a further period of two years.[1]

4. Lourdes Arizpe (Mexico) has been Chairperson of the Board since 2005. The nominated members of the Board are:

Bina Agarwal (India), Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

Yesim Arat-Pamuk (Turkey), Department of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

Christian Comeliau (France), former Professor of Development Economics at the Graduate Institute of Development Studies, Geneva

Evelina Dagnino (Brazil), Professor, Department of Political Science, Cidade Universitária "Zeferino Vaz", São Paulo

Peter Brandt Evans (United States of America), Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

Rosalind Eyben (United Kingdom), Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Brighton

Pasuk Phongpaichit (Thailand), Professor, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

Annika Sunden (Sweden), Deputy Director-General, Swedish Pensions Agency, Stockholm

Julia Szalai (Hungary), Professor, Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

Zenebeworke Tadesse (Ethiopia), Deputy Director, The University of South Africa Regional Learning Centre in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa

5. The term of office of the following four members will expire on 30 June 2011 and they are eligible for renomination for a further period of two years to 30 June 2013:

Peter Brandt Evans, Rosalind Eyben, Annika Sunden, Zenebeworke Tadesse

6. Board member Pasuk Phongpaichit, whose term also expires on 30 June 2011, will not seek renomination.

7. The term of office of Christian Comeliau will expire on 30 June 2011. He will have served on the Board for six years.

8. At its forty-ninth session, the Commission will therefore be called upon to nominate two new members to the Board to replace those referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 above for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2014. The Commission will also be called upon to extend the terms of office of the nominated members referred to in paragraph 5 above for an additional two-year term expiring on 30 June 2013. The biographical information of the two new candidates is contained in the annex to the present note.

[1] In its resolution 10 (XXV), the Commission decided that the term of office of each nominated member of the Board should not exceed a total of six years.

Annex

Biographical information

Mr. Ping Huang

Personal data

Nationality: Chinese

Date of birth: 1958

Present position

Director, Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Education

B.A., Philosophy, Sichuan University

M.A., Sociology, Nankai University

Ph.D., Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Sciences (University of London)

Experience

President, China National Association of American Studies

Visiting Professor, Johns Hopkins University, 2002

Vice-President, International Social Science Council, 2005-2007

Vice-President, Intergovernmental Council, Management of Social Transformation, UNESCO, 2003-2005

Honorary Professor, Shanghai University, Xiamen University, East China Normal University, Sichuan University

Ms. Patricia Schulz

Personal data

Nationality: Swiss

Date of birth: 1949

Present position

Expert, Commission on the Status of Women

Education

M.A. Law, University of Geneva

Experience

Director of the Federal Office for Gender Equality, Federal Department of Home Affairs, Swiss Confederation, 1994-2010

Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva, 1984-1993

Head of the Swiss delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women, 1994-2004, 2010

Head of working group that produced the first and second periodic reports of Switzerland on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1999-2002

Co-President, Swiss Conference of Gender Equality Delegates, 2000